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Annual 47 C.F.R. § 64.2009(e) CPNI Certification EB Docket 06-36

Annual 64.2009(e) CPNI Certification for 2016 covering the prior calendar year 2015

1. Date filed: February 25, 2016

Name of company(s) covered by this certification:

Red River Rural Telephone Association

dba Red River Communications

3. Form 499 Filer ID: 807012

4. Name of signatory: Jeffrey J. Olson

5. Title of signatory: Chief Executive Officer

Certification:

I, Jeffrey J. Olson, certify that I am an officer of the company named above, and acting as an agent of the company, that I have personal knowledge that the company has established operating procedures that are adequate to ensure compliance with the Commission's CPNI rules. See 47 C.F.R. § 64.2001 et seg.

Attached to this certification is an accompanying statement explaining how the company's procedures ensure that the company is in compliance with the requirements (including those mandating the adoption of CPNI procedures, training, safeguards, recordkeeping, and supervisory review) set forth in section 64.2001 et seq. of the Commission's rules. See attached accompanying statement of operating procedures.

The company has not taken any actions (*i.e.*, proceedings instituted or petitions filed by a company at either state commissions, the court system, or at the Commission against data brokers) against data brokers in the past year.

The company received one customer complaint in the past year concerning the unauthorized release of CPNI.

The company represents and warrants that the above certification is consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 1.17 which requires truthful and accurate statements to the Commission. The company also acknowledges that false statements and misrepresentations to the Commission are punishable under Title 18 of the U.S. Code and may subject it to enforcement action.

Signed

Attachments!

Accompanying Statement explaining CPNI procedures

Summary of customer complaints

Attachment: Accompanying Statement of Operating Procedures

Per the FCC CPNI rules [47 CFR §64.2009(e)] and as referenced in the attached signed certification, Red River Rural Telephone Association dba Red River Communications, herein referenced as the Company hereby certifies that the Company is in compliance with the FCC CPNI rules and has outlined some of the important operating procedures below in order to ensure the Company's compliance in the protection of CPNI:

- CPNI manual has been updated in order to account for all FCC CPNI rules, including any recent revisions, and has been adopted by our Company's Board of Directors.
- 2. CPNI Compliance officer has been designated to oversee all CPNI duties, training, and activity.
 - CPNI is not utilized for marketing purposes.
- 3. Employees have been trained on when they are, and are not, authorized to use or disclose CPNI.
 - Disciplinary process has been defined and is in place for violations and/or breaches of CPNI.
- 4. Carrier authentication requirements have been met.
 - All customers during a customer-initiated telephone call are authenticated as being an authorized account contact before discussing CPNI (non-call detail or call detail) without utilizing readily available biographical or account information as defined by the FCC.
 - Call detail is only released to customers during customer-initiated telephone contact if a password is provided. However, if the customer or authorized contact does not have the password, backup authentication procedures using security questions are followed. If the requesting customer does not provide a password or backup authentication, only the following FCC approved methods are permitted for the release of the requested call detail:
 - Sending the requested detail to the address of record (only a physical or e-mail address associated with that particular account that has been in our company files for at least 30 days)
 - Calling the customer back at the telephone of record (only disclosing if the customer was authenticated as being an authorized account contact)
 - Having customer come in to Company's office and provide a valid government issued photo ID.
- 5. Notice to customer of account change customers are notified immediately when a customer creates or changes one of the following:
 - password
 - customer response to a back-up means of authentication for lost or forgotten passwords
 - o online account
 - o address of record
- Notice of unauthorized disclosure of CPNI a notification process is in place in order to notify both law enforcement and customer(s) in the event of a CPNI breach within the timeline specified by the FCC.
- 7. Additional protection measures are taken above and beyond the current FCC CPNI rules:
 - Company takes reasonable measures to discover and protect against activity that is indicative of pretexting.
 - Company maintains security of all CPNI including shredding documents containing CPNI.

Attachment: Summary of Customer Complaints

Deirdre Henderson

The company had one (1) customer complaint regarding a potential unauthorized release of CPNI. On April 28, 2015, a customer reported that information regarding her account was potentially released to her soon to be ex-husband.

Our records indicate that the forms requesting CPNI for billing purposes was sent to the customer on March 9, 2015. The completed forms containing the CPNI in question were first received from the customer by our company sometime between March 13 and April 17, 2015. On April 17, 2015 the forms were approved by our Board of Directors. The forms entered our digital vault on April 28, 2015.

Using call and email logs, we were unable to ascertain any voluntary breach of CPNI as it pertains to this customer. The customer did not pursue the complaint any further. However, a document-destruction policy as it pertains to new application forms was implanted to further tighten document access control.